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Mrs L M Child

Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 10th was recevd in due course of Mail. It gives me pleasure to learn of the design which you communicate. While such a Bust of our Friend Garrison would perpetuate in some measure his likeness & give a faint idea of the man, I rejoice that he will have a more enduring Monument in the hearts of all who know him, and of posterity who shall learn that he was the mover and champion of the cause of Emancipation from Slavery of those who were so cruelly held in Bondage by their fellow men. For so will Garrison stand with posterity, maugre the cruel attempts of enemies whether open or under the garb of friends.

It will be a pleasure to me to aid in this and my friend Elg Loring Esq will please to put my name down with others to the amount of $15. and if that be not enough for more. I will cheerfully honor his order. I would say much more of our friend of whom I entertain no jealousy although I may not yet be able to follow him ~~as yet~~

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to all his conclusions from his non-resistant principles. He has my entire confidence as an Abolitionist — as an honest man — as a great man — and a good man. I hope he may live long — to carry forward the cause of Philanthropy and the cause of Peace on earth and good will to men.

Except for yourself personally
the assurance of my great regard
Your friend & obt. Servt
Samuel Fessenden

Chas Pierce 130.

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